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Memorials in the Name of Former Prime Ministers
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government makes the nomenclature of the memorials in name of former Prime Ministers and other politically, socially or culturally renowned persons and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Ministry to pay Rs. One crore as compensation for acquiring Samadhi Land - Abhay Ghat to build a memorial in the name of Ex-PM Shri Morarji Desai and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government had constituted a Committee in past to develop a memorial on his Samadhi; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to acquire the Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust land to make memorial in the name of the said former Prime Minister?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CULTURE & TOURISM AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR CIVIL AVIATION.

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(a) Yes, Madam. The nomenclature of the memorials is given by the Government with the approval of Union Cabinet. For example: Samadhi of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is known as Shanti Vana, Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi is known as Rajghat, Samadhi of late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri is known as Vijay Ghat, Samadhi of Ch. Charan Singh is known as Kisan Ghat, Samadhi of Babu Jagjivan Ram is known as Samta Sthal, Samadhi of late Smt. Indira Gandhi is known as Shakti Sthal, Samadhi of Devi Lal is known as Sangharsh Sthal, Samadhi of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi is known as Vir Bhumi and so on.

(b) The Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust did not ask for the cost of the land at the time of construction of the memorial in 1996. However, a proposal for payment of compensation towards cost of the land was, for the first time, received in the Ministry in the year 2000 and was examined at length. Since the commemoration period had already ended by then, the request could not be acceded to by the Ministry of Culture.

(c) Yes, Madam. A Concept Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmedabad was constituted on 23.02.1996.

(d) Sabarmati Ashram Gaushala Trust, Ahmadabad spared land measuring 7450 square meters and did not ask for the cost of land.